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Birthing democracy a painful process

BY JIM GARAMONE
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

The Iraqi elections Sunday "will not be perfect, will not be pretty," officials have said, and in that they will have a lot in common with the beginning of democracy in the United States.

Any new democracy suffers through birthing pains. The first election under the U.S. Constitution in 1788 was no different.

In many ways, the Iraqis are duplicating the American experience. The Sunday election will select 270 Iraqis to be members of a national assembly, which will choose a president and two deputy presidents. It will also name a prime minister and department ministers.

The assembly will then transform into a constitutional convention and begin the debate

on the shape of the permanent Iraqi government. The deadline for the convention is Aug. 15.

In the United States, state legislatures agreed to a convention to meet in Philadelphia in May 1787. That group unanimously elected George Washington as its president and began the debate on what would become the U.S. Constitution.

And the debate was tough. The rights of large vs. small states, the style and shape of the Congress, and slavery were just some of the issues dividing the convention. In September 1787, the delegates finished and signed the Constitution and presented it to the people.

The U.S. Constitution would go into effect if nine of the then 13 states ratified the document. Delaware was the first state to approve it in December 1787,

but there was fierce debate over the document in several states. By June 1788, nine states ratified the document, which led to formally acceptance and a committee appointed to plan transition to the new U.S. government.

For Iraq, the draft constitution will be presented to the people for a general referendum. That vote must be held no later than Oct. 15. The constitution will be approved if a majority of the voters of Iraq approve it and "if two-thirds of the voters in three or more governates do not reject it."

Once the draft constitution is approved, elections to fill the new government will be held no later than Dec. 15.

Other similarities exist in that there was a rebellion in the United States and there is an

insurgency in Iraq. The nations of the world predicted that the United States would never prosper and that democracy would never work.

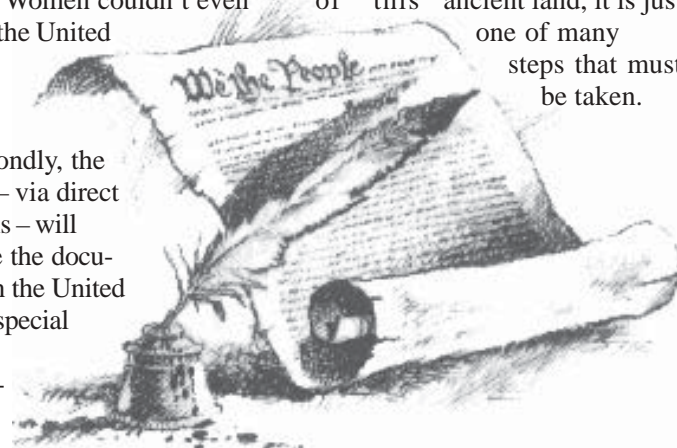
While there are similarities on the U.S. constitutional process, there are obvious differences. First, the Iraqi national assembly, must by law, be one-third female. Women couldn't even vote in the United States until 1920.

Secondly, the people – via direct elections – will approve the document. In the United States, special state conventions debated

and voted on the document.

Thirdly, Iraq has a basis of experience from other countries to draw from; whereas, such U.S. choices were very limited back in the 1700s.

Whatever government Iraq ends up with begins with the elections Sunday. While that will be a great day in the history of this ancient land, it is just one of many steps that must be taken.



Scout On The Street How does family affect your military priorities?



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Tax center gives preparation relief

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Death and taxes, Fort Huachuca can help the military community with one of these. The Post Tax Center offers assistance with tax questions and preparation.

"We offer the program called Tax Wise, which is the tax program preferred by the

Internal Revenue Service for electronic filing," said Capt. Charlene Storino, officer in charge at the Tax Center.

"Here we offer complete paperwork, e-file for all states and federal, childcare expenses, depreciation of your car, pretty much anything except business expenses over a certain level," said Storino. "For business expenses you would have to go see

a tax professional."

Since there is no cost for the services provided by the Tax Center, there is a definite benefit there, said Storino. "A basic tax return will cost around \$75 to \$100, and the more tax information that needs to be computed, the higher the price," she said.

Even though the Tax Center does not offer Rapid Refunds, its patrons still save on not only

the filing fees for their return, but the Tax Center will do all necessary state tax forms and any tax forms from previous years that have not been filed, said Storino.

The Tax Center opened on Jan. 20 and the turn out for the first day was close to 75 patrons, said Sgt. Tyrone Reed, noncom-

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Photo by Spc. Marcus Butler

Inauguration begins with salute to troops

BY DONNA MILES
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

As the nation prepared to celebrate its 55th presidential inauguration, President Bush said Jan. 18 that he could "think of no better way to begin than by giving thanks for our freedom and those who make it possible."

The president headlined a star-studded lineup of celebrities and military and civilian government leaders who gathered at the MCI Center Jan. 18 for a gala "Saluting Those Who Serve" event to honor members of the armed forces. The event was the first in a long line of activities leading up to the Jan. 20 inauguration.

"As I prepare to take the oath of office, I want you to know how grateful I am for your service and sacrifice, and how proud I am to be your commander in chief," Bush told the estimated 6,000 service members and their families and guests.

The audience also included troops deployed to South-

west Asia, who watched the gala via satellite in Baghdad, Iraq, and Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

"Whether you serve in the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, each of you have stepped forward to serve," the president told the cheering crowd. "You have risked your lives in faraway mountains and arid deserts, in perilous skies and on the high seas, to defend liberty and to free those trapped by tyranny."

Bush cited the inauguration as an outward sign of what America is all about. "The inauguration of a president is a great moment in the life of our country," Bush said, noting that it's a time to celebrate freedom and the power of democracy.

The president credited the men and women in uniform for helping extend that same power to more than 50 million people in Afghanistan and Iraq during the past four years. He called the first free elections in

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Courtesy photo

President George W. Bush salutes guests attending a pre-inaugural event honoring the men and women of the U.S. military at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., Jan. 18. Fourteen thousand guests attended the event, including 7,000 military service members.

Army port team handling incoming tsunami relief

ARMYNEWSERVICE

An Army transportation team with staff from Korea, Hawaii and Japan oversaw all operations at the Port of Laem Chabang, Thailand, as six ships from the Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron Three began delivery of relief supplies.

The ships carried enough equipment and supplies to support 15,000 Marines for 30 days, according to the Military Sealift Command. In addition to expeditionary Marine Corps combat equipment; the ships carried food, fuel, medical supplies, construction and road building equipment, electrical power generating equipment, airfield

matting and a Navy field hospital.

The 599th Deployment and Distribution Support Team has made up of civilians and service members from Headquarters 599th, Hawaii; 595th (Provisional), Southwest Asia; and subordinate units from the 835th Transportation Battalion, Okinawa, Japan; 836th Transportation Battalion, Yokohama, Japan; and, 837th Transportation Battalion, Pusan, Korea, joined together to form the 599th Deployment and Distribution Support Team.

The 599th DDST will serve as the U.S. Pacific Command's single port manager in current humanitarian

aid efforts for the region.

According to Lt. Col. Drefus Lane, 599th DDST and 836th Trans. Battalion commander, the joining of forces is a true testament to the abilities of SDDC.

"Even though each of the members has a specific role they carry out at their home station, as they come together you see the true range of their skills and understanding for the SDDC mission," he said. "These guys are helping expand each others expertise, all while providing the best possible service to the customer."

"They've been able to form one team without missing a beat," Lane said.

As part of the delivery



Courtesy photo

Marine cargo trucks are discharged from a Westpac Express High Speed Vessel by the 599th Deployment and Distribution Support Team at the Port of Chuk Samet, Thailand.

process, the 599th DDST will provide disaster-relief troops and their commanders with 100 percent in-transit visibility through the use of radio frequency identification tags.

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Guerrero, from the 835th Transportation Battalion said, "As each piece of required equipment is discharged from the ship, it will be marked

with an RFID tag. Then the tag will be scanned and imported into the Worldwide Port System, where com-

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MLK luncheon speaker inspires

BY SPC. CREIGHTON
HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

"Until every child goes to bed with a full stomach, until every American has healthcare, until every Soldier has the resources and the armor he needs to fight for our freedom, the fight must continue," said Ronald A. Wilson, chief presiding judge for the city of South Tucson and key speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative luncheon.

The luncheon was held at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre on Jan. 20, with a packed room that had extra tables and chairs brought in for the extra attendees.

Wilson explained how the ideas and values of natural laws, natural rights and of justice are reasons for peaceful people to fight.

"What would bring a peaceful man to the point where he feels the imperative to rise up to fight? The answer is in the pledge (of allegiance)," said Wilson.

He said the founding fathers put the reasons for men of peace to fight in the documents that created the United States.

"Natural rights and natural laws were espoused in the Declaration of Independence," Wilson said.

Wilson explained that the founding fathers were well educated and that the literal meaning they put onto paper was only a small portion of what they were saying.

His own battle in the area is helping people meet their physical and mental needs. Peaceful people vote, inform their legislators that there are certain things they

want in their communities, educate themselves with truth, celebrate their rights and exercise their rights Wilson said.

"The fights aren't always military battles that take place on foreign ground and involve cannons, guns, knives and rifles and hand-to-hand combat," Wilson said while touring the post museum Jan. 19. "Take for instance the war on drugs. The war on drugs involves a number of different agencies working domestically trying to solve a problem that affects a number of Americans at different levels. Granted, you are going to have times where the DEA, ATF or FBI involved in various stings. But the war also takes place in the classrooms and the courthouse; it takes place in the hospitals, and in the family and the homes."

It involves education, intervention, and working with people at a grass roots level Wilson said.

Wilson's career started at Syracuse University in 1986 where as a student, he became proactive in social and economic think tanks on campus. From that point on, he has worked with youth of all backgrounds to help them become successful individuals.

Wilson was chosen to speak because of his public service career. In March 2002, he became the first black chief judge in South Tucson, one of the youngest chief judges in Arizona. Less than a year later the University of Arizona hired him to teach African American politics and Introduction to African American Studies for a year.

"An unjust statute, while having the name of law, is in



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Ronald Wilson speaks to the crowd at the commemorative luncheon Jan. 20.

reality no law," he said. "Because it contradicts and violates the higher law, and it is entirely illegitimate and void. To enforce an illegitimate law and doing so violate natural law is a crime. While persons without moral conscious may obey their mas-

ters and commit political violence by falsely calling it law enforcement. It's the duty of individuals like Dr. King, who possess moral courage, to uphold and enforce natural law. This is why a person like Dr. King fought."

Military police on the look out for speeders

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Speeders beware. Military police on post are in the middle of a campaign to crack down on drivers who exceed the speed limit. People speeding through the post could be caught anywhere, anytime.

The locations that traffic control personnel station themselves while looking for speeders is chosen after careful analysis by the commander, the operations noncommissioned officer in charge and the traffic section NCOIC, said Capt. Randolph Morgan, com-

mander, 18th Military Police Detachment.

"We are constantly changing the site location for the traffic enforcement, in order to provide maximum coverage," Morgan said.

"We're assigning more people to come out," said Sgt. Jeff Buckley, traffic accident investigator, 18th MP Detachment. "We have at least two extra people running radar right now and hitting different spots throughout the day. There is no quota; it's purely for public safety and deterrence."

Some of the speeding hotspots are at the entrances to the post, Buckley said. However, it's probably more dangerous to speed

in the housing areas because of pedestrians and playing children. Although the MPs are being extra vigilant in areas known for speeding and they will also be patrolling residential areas.

Buckley said that while some speeders he pulls over have a variety of outlandish excuses, most simply aren't paying attention to the posted limits.

"That's the biggest thing," he said. "Because if you're not paying attention to your speed, what else are you not paying attention to?"

"Not knowing that you're going that fast

is probably worse than going that fast and not doing anything about it."

Additionally, many people don't realize that going more than 20 mph over the speed limit is considered criminal speeding, Buckley said.

"A lot of people don't know that if they're going 20 over, they are going to go to the MP station," he said. Once at the station, the speeder will be issued a mandatory court citation and have to appear in court where the judge will set the fine.

Buckley cautioned that the MPs are out in force and will catch speeders.



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Master Sgt. Arnold W. Flores, Sergeant Major, Garrison Commandant, Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison, receives a retirement flag from Col. Rafael Lara, Jr., Installation Staff Judge Advocate, at Friday's retirement ceremony at the post theater.

Old Soldiers never die, they retire

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

The Army lost 135 years of experience Friday as six Soldiers retired at the post theater.

"I don't know what I'm going to do tomorrow morning," said 1st Sgt. Oliver A. Jackson, Headquarters, and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison. "I can't stay home too long because I've developed a habit of getting up around four or five in the morning."

While Jackson wants to keep working, Chaplain Maj. Patricia N. Dickson, Installation Chaplain Activities Office, is leaving a job where she found "the best way to serve both God and country" said Col. Rafael Lara, Jr., Installation Staff Judge Advocate and the retirement ceremony Reviewing Officer.

"I'm still looking for the place God wants me to work," Dickson said. "I just wish my Dad who passed away two years ago could be here."

While the retirees move onto civilian lifestyles, finding a job similar to what Master Sgt. Arnold W. Flores, Headquarters, and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, is leaving might be a challenge.

The retiring Soldiers come from a diverse background and deployments.

Dickson put in 20 years to the Army, has been to Germany, Korea and the Honduras. She will reside in Sierra Vista.

Jackson finished his duty with 22 years, 10 months and 28 days of service. He has served in Korea, Germany, Alaska and Hawaii. He also is a member of the order

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Motorcycle safety now an Army-wide concern

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Nine Soldiers have lost their lives in motorcycle accidents during the first two months of this fiscal year, as opposed to 22 in the entire previous year, according to a release from the Director of Army Safety.

The release also stresses the responsibility of commanders to enforce motorcycle safety standards to help put a stop to this trend.

Because Arizona has a reputation of being an area perfect for motorcycle-riding, Soldiers and civilians need to be especially aware of the safety regulations required for military members and people riding motorcycles on post, said Capt. Randolph Morgan, commander, 18th Military Police Detachment.

"Since we have 350 days of riding weather a year," Morgan said. "People gravitate toward Arizona, especially southern Arizona because it's so scenic and there are a lot of places to ride."

"Arizona is a great place to enjoy the outdoors on a motorcycle and by following safety guidelines and requirements you can significantly reduce the risk of fatalities," said Salina Jeanise, public affairs officer, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

Morgan said the safety requirements for motorcyclists who are either riding on post or are on active duty are more stringent than those prescribed by the state of Arizona. However, the Department of Defense regulations override those of the state.

This means that anyone

riding a motorcycle on post must wear the proper safety equipment and have gone through the proper safety training, whether or not they are a member of the military, Morgan said. He added that active duty military members must abide by the DoD regu-

lations, whether or not they are riding their motorcycle on post.

"Operators must receive training from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation or training based on an MSF, state approved class that must include hands-on, perfor-

mance and knowledge-based training," Jeanise said.

"The DoD standards apply off post and off duty [for active duty military members]," Morgan said. "That's a wake-up call for most folks."

Morgan added modern

motorcycles tend to be more powerful than those of the past and that both returning riders and new riders might not have developed the skills needed to match the performance possible on the latest

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Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Marriage, you get a license, but no instruction manual

SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

Lots of stuff comes with an instruction manual, unfortunately marriage isn't one of them.

People expect their wedding day to be a magical event filled with music and flowers and surrounded by family and friends. Both the groom and bride foresee a lifetime of happiness. Holding each other's hands, ready to make an eternal commitment, they unite as one.

But then what?

Optimism is a good thing to have when making a life altering decision but more than optimism is needed to make a marriage work, said Chaplain (Maj.) Glen McFarland, family life chaplain.

"People need to know each other well before they get married," said McFarland. "I find so often that people, especially Soldiers, rush into marriage without taking the appropriate steps in preparing for it."

Getting to know your partner is an essential part in making a successful marriage.

"If a couple comes to me for marriage, I have them go through a love map," said McFarland. "Going through premarital counseling is not mandatory Army wide but it is something that I highly recommended."

The Army only mandates that a family care plan is in place per Army Regulation 600-20. AR 600-20 goes into detail about what a Soldier has to do, dealing with support of the spouse, children and any other dependents involved.

Through the counseling sessions, McFarland said he tries to see if the couple meets his togetherness requirements. "I give this love map, which was pulled from Dr. John Gottman, a well-known marriage and family researcher, to each individual separately."

The love maps ask questions ranging from favorite colors and food to family history and past relationships. "This sets the mood for a warm, open marital environment," McFarland said. "This is a situation in which is conducive to communication, growth and good relations. You listen to the other person and do not argue."

"This is what you should naturally do when you first meet the person. It is pretty easy to do these things during the courtship or engagement they can be forgotten during the marriage."

Even though most people think they should start with conflict resolution, that should be one of the last steps, said McFarland. "I don't go there first because if the couple is not communicating at all to begin with, I will be giving them more ammunition to throw at each other."

A few steps to follow in making a marriage successful from www.gottman.com/marriage/self_help are:

- Seek help early. The average couple waits six years before seeking help for marital problems (and keep in mind, half of all marriages that end do so in the first seven years). This means the average couple lives with unhappiness for far too long.
- Edit yourself. Couples who avoid saying every angry thought when discussing touchy topics are consistently the

happiest.

• Soften your "start up." Arguments first "start up" because a spouse sometimes escalates the conflict from the get-go by making a critical or contemptuous remark in a confrontational tone.

• Accept influence. A marriage succeeds to the extent that the husband can accept influence from his wife. If a woman says, "Do you have to work Thursday night? My mother is coming that weekend, and I need your help getting ready," and her husband replies, "My plans are set, and I'm not changing them," this guy is in a shaky marriage. A husband's ability to be persuaded by his wife (rather than vice-versa) is so crucial because, research shows, women are already well practiced at accepting

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Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Kudos

111th Soldier named Post Soldier of Quarter

SCOUT REPORTS

Pfc. Rico Rico, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade was named Post Soldier of the Quarter. Rico works as a military intelligence warfare maintainer and integrator, often dealing with top secret equipment.

Rico joined the Army to follow in the footsteps of his siblings who are currently serving in Iraq.

The quest for Fort Huachuca Soldier of the Year began in November for Rico when he started studying for a Soldier of

the Month board. From there he went all the way up to the brigade Soldier of the Year competition where he lost by one question.

Rico sets himself apart from the competition by projecting confidence from the moment he walks into the room. "We all [competitors] know the information," Rico said. "It comes down to your performance, presentation, how you're sold [by your supervisor] and how you sell yourself."

Rico advises other Soldiers who would like to exceed the standards like he has, to fully dedicate themselves to

whatever they're looking to achieve. "If you look forward to winning, then you will," he said. Particularly on board, Rico advised fellow Soldiers to not study the information like it's trivia, but to really learn the information. "You'll know more about the Army and it will make you a better Soldier." Some of Rico's other board tips include always maintaining confidence, bearing and to never waiver from proper grammar.

As for the Fort Huachuca Soldier of the Year board, "it would feel pretty nice to win," Rico said. "It would just be icing on the cake."

**Check out
next week's
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Post NCO of
the Quarter**

Rainbow Division deploys 'intel snipers' to Iraq

BY STAFF SGT. RAYMOND DRUMSTA

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The 42nd Infantry Division has deployed to Iraq with what leaders term a powerful, yet subtle, combat-multiplier — the sniper-trained Soldiers of the division's 173rd Long Range Surveillance Detachment, and their newly-issued M-14 rifles.

The rifles are "part and parcel" of the changing LRS(D) mission, said the unit's commander, Capt. Michael Manning.

"This is not a detachment of snipers," said Manning. "This is a detachment of highly trained intelligence collectors. We have sniping capability. Now we can acquire targets, identify targets, and destroy targets with organic direct fire weapons. That's the big change. That's what these

weapons allow us to do."

Manning said LRS(D)'s mission used to be strictly reconnaissance and surveillance working in small groups 80 to 100 kilometers beyond friendly lines, reporting information on enemy movements and the battlefield to a higher command. The enemy and battlefield have changed, so the mission has changed, according to Manning.

"We're not training for the Fulda Gap anymore," said Manning, referring to the area in Germany that NATO forces were assigned to defend against Russian maneuver brigades. "We're fighting insurgents who operate in small groups. That drives the way we conduct operations."

Manning described the new mission as reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition in other words, LRS(D) will be assigned to observe areas for improvised explosive devices and indirect fire activity and, if ordered by the combatant commander, eliminate insurgents with their sniper rifles. The M-14, commented Manning, has redefined the unit's mission.

"It's a tremendous force multiplier. It's a tremendous asset on the battlefield."

Equipping and training LRS(D) on the M-14 rifles was a joint effort of the 42nd Infantry Division, the 1215th Garrison Support Unit at Fort Drum, the First Army Small Arms Readiness Group, or SARG, and FORSCOM, according to Lt. Col. Richard Ellwanger, chief of personnel, 1215th Garrison Support Unit.

"Our mission is to support the mobilization of the National Guard and Reserves," said Ellwanger. "We work with the post to provide an infrastructure for the National Guard and Reserves while they're here at Fort Drum."

The M-14 rifles will increase LRS(D) Soldiers' ability to neutralize targets without collateral damage, said Ellwanger.

"The rifle gives the Soldiers the ability to engage targets out to 800 meters. Once the word gets out to the insurgents that the Soldiers have that capacity, they will be less likely to get inside the 400- to 500-meter range and engage with RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades) or medium machine

guns."

The instruction of the SARG team was superb, according to Manning.

"These guys are superb marksmen. They instilled in LRS(D) the techniques, tactics and procedures that make them good marksmen. They're professional. To a man, they're first-rate marksmen."

Most of the training took place at Fort Drum's Range 21, where the sniper-trained LRS(D) Soldiers zeroed and engaged targets with their iron sights, and zeroed the scopes on their rifles.

"By virtue of going through this training, LRS(D) Soldiers now have the confidence in themselves that they can effectively operate this weapon system," said Manning. "What the 42nd Division has done, by virtue of outfitting LRS(D) with M-14 rifles, is make us the cutting edge of the LRS(D) community."

But the real edge in LRS(D)'s sniping capability are the LRS(D) Soldiers behind the newly issued M-14 rifles — graduates of the four-week National Guard Sniper School at Camp Robinson, Ark. With their M-14 training complete, the LRS(D) soldiers became trainers themselves, turning Soldiers from other 42nd Infantry Division units into designated marksmen.

"We're a combat multiplier because we can give the division planners nearly real-time information, and a picture of the battlefield," said LRS(D) sniper-trained Staff Sgt. Tim Halloran. "If we're on a mission and we acquire a high-value target, we can not only report it to higher [headquarters], we can eliminate it."

"Hopefully we can interdict the people placing the IEDs," said LRS(D) Assistant Team Leader Cpl. Wayne Lynch, who, along with LRS(D) Team Leader Staff Sgt. Thomas O'Hare, served a tour in Iraq last year.

"That's all I thought about when we were in Iraq last year: 'how do we stop these people who are placing the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Drumsta

Sniper-trained Spc. Richard Busa, 173rd LRS(D), right, gives marksmanship pointers to Spc. Ana Perez, 272nd Chemical Company, left, at Fort Drum's Range 21, before the Soldiers deployed to Iraq with the 42nd Infantry Division.

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One man's trash is another man's treasure

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

Ever wonder why the trash pickup won't take pallets and scrap wood? A local ecologist at the post Environmental and Natural Resources Division knows why.

Robert H. Bridges, Jr., an ecologist at the division said that the post has created a scrap lumber pile to keep lumber and pallets out of landfills. Every 12 to 18 months the post contracts a grinder to turn the wood into mulch for engineering projects.

"That's a conservation effort on our part to reduce the waste stream that goes to the landfill," Bridges said. "We're trying to look at the best thing for the environment."

This year's mulch will go to the Lower Garden Canyon picnic site.

"The shops go to repair something, and it could be something as simple as a door that is weathered, and it's not reusable. So they put a new door on, and they can't throw that wooden door in a dumpster, so it would go to the scrap lumber pile,"

Bridges said. "A lot of the buildings have wooden steps. As they go in and make repairs on individual boards, or they totally replace a step system that would go over to the scrap lumber pile. The majority of the wood product over there comes from pallets, because they don't recycle them anymore. It used to be when something was delivered on a pallet; whoever delivered it took an empty pallet with them."

The post has attempted to directly recycle pallets, but it proved to cost too much to transport them to Tucson. The pallets that go to the scrap pile eventually become mulch.

The scrap pile keeps them out of the waste stream, Bridges said. The wood can be used by individuals for firewood or other projects. One person has used some of the non-pallet wood at the scrap lumber pile to make furniture. The wood is available during accumulation periods for free to groups for self-help or personal projects.

"The last project we did was for erosion control on a storm water recharge basin, and this year we're going to use it for erosion control at the Lower Garden Canyon picnic site," Bridges said.

Last year's project stabilized the Summit Basin on

the south range near Buffalo Soldier Trail. The wood mulch from the ground up pallets and scrap lumber stabilized the banks of the water detention basin. The mulch helps recharge the Upper San Pedro River sub watershed.

The division estimated it salvaged more than 1,000 feet of lumber and more than 2,000 square feet of plywood that was used to make furniture last year.

The scrap wood pile kept about 300 tons of scrap wood out of the landfill. It also saved taxpayers approximately \$21,000 in transportation and landfill tipping fees for disposal, according to the base environmental organization.

The pile created 280 tons of mulch that went to watershed improvement projects, saving as much as \$5,000 according to division estimates. Tax payers have saved nearly \$12,000 due to the recycling efforts according to the environmental division.

Editors note: Joan Vasey of the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office contributed to this report.



Recycle scrap wood is finding important uses on Fort Huachuca. Some of it's being turned into mulch (which helps retain moisture in the soil under it) while some of it is being turned into furniture by one creative craftsman on post.



RETIRE, from Page 4

of St. Barbara for artillery and the order of St. Martin for quartermasters. He plans to live in Sierra Vista with his wife, Tamara, and two children Kamesha and Andrew.

Flores completed 20 years in the Army. The master parachutist has three children, Yvette, Marisa and Margarita. They will reside in Sierra Vista.

Master Sgt. Darryl T. Scott, Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command, devoted 26 years of service to the Army. He has been to Germany

and Korea. He has earned both the basic and gold recruiter badges and is air assault qualified. Scott, his wife, Johanna, and two children Darnell and Paris will reside in Sierra Vista.

Master Sgt. Ronnie N. Shamberger, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, finished 22 years of Army service. He has been to Germany, Korea and Hawaii and participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He earned the gold recruiting badge with one sapphire star

and is air assault qualified. Shamberger, his wife, Mindy, and children Jasmine and Jordan will reside in Tampa, Fla.

Sgt. 1st Class Margaret A. Staggers, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 504th Signal Company, retired after 24 years of service. She has been to Korea, Panama and Germany. She and her four children, Reginald II, Christopher, Brandon and Kellian will reside in New Mexico.

Range Closures

Today – AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2 T3
 Friday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AW
 Saturday – AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, T1, T1A, T2
 Sunday – AC, AD
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 Tuesday – AC, AD, AG, AL, AM, AP, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
 Wednesday – AC, AD, AG, AI, AL, AM, AP, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2, T3
 Closures subject to change. For more information, call 533-7095.

Recruit the recruiter

The Recruit the Recruiter Team will brief all specialists through sergeants first class regarding the benefits, challenges, and qualifications of recruiting duty.
 The presentation will be held at 9:30 a.m. today at Building 41421.

Relocation Workshop

Army Community Service is offering a relocation workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move 1:30 p.m. today at the ACS Building 50010. The workshop will discuss expectations, benefits and budgeting for the move. Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Awards banquet

The Fort Huachuca Annual Awards Banquet will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. The Banquet will honor Civilian of the Year, Marine of the Year,

Air Force Airman/Noncommissioned officer of the Year, Sailor of the Year, Drill Sergeant of the Year, Instructor of the Year and Soldier/NCO of the Year. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a brief social and the program/dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$19 per person (buffet meal) and can be purchased through the Garrison Headquarters administrative office.

For more information or to purchase tickets call Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison staff at 533-6385/533-9264/533-9263.

Produce fair

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be having a produce fair Saturday and Sunday. Many produce items will be offered by the case at greatly reduced prices. Many items will be 30 – 50 percent off of the regular price during this two-day sale.

Unit-sponsored training

Army Community Service is offering a unit sponsorship training class at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 3, at the ACS Building 50010. Good sponsorship is an important factor in the quality of life of the inbound Soldier and family member. Let ACS assist you in training effective sponsors.

Register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

International spouses group

If you're an international spouse who would like to learn more about American culture, Army Community Service has a new support group for you. The International Spouses' Sup-

port Group is designed to assist international spouses in networking, learning English and making friends.

The first meeting of the group will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 10, at the ACS Building 50010

There is no cost to attend, but please pre-register with ACS at 533-2330.

Newcomer welcome

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. The Huachuca Welcome - a newcomer's orientation - is scheduled for 9 a.m., Feb. 11 and again at 9 a.m., Feb. 23 at Murr Community Center.

The orientation will provide information about the installation and the community. A tour of the post is provided.

Pre-register for the welcome by call ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

Germany orientation

Army Community Service is offering an orientation 6 p.m., Feb. 16 at Murr Community Center for Soldiers and family members going to Germany for the first time.

Registration is requested by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

OCS board

The next Installation Officer Candidate School Board will convene on March 9. All packets are due to the Actions and Promotions Office no later than March 1.

If you are interested please see your S-1 to make an appointment with the Actions and Promotions Department.

For more information call, Rosalie Monge at 533-1503.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Service holds the following financial readiness classes on a monthly basis: checking account management, 9 - 11:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of the month at the ACS Building 50010; budget and planning class, 9 - 11:30 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the ACS Building 50010; and financial readiness training, 1 - 5 p.m., the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month, at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

The financial readiness training class is required for first-term E-4 and below. Others are welcome to attend the training also.

Please register by calling ACS, 533-2330, or for more information, call Christine Bachand at 533-6884.

Free fencing materials

The Fort Huachuca Housing Office has landscaping and fencing material available for free for Fort Huachuca housing residents interested in making improvements to their yard.

Some components for a fence such as posts and cement will be required to install the chain link fencing and will need to be purchased at the Soldier's expense.

The supply of fencing materials is limited. For more information, call Tanga Lewis at 538-0168.

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post Chapel
9:20 a.m.	Gospel	ino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village Chapel
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective	Main Post Chapel
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA	Prosser Village Chapel

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri. Mass	11:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Saturday Confession	4 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Saturday Mass	5 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Sunday Mass	9:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Sunday Mass	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel

Jewish Worship

Friday 7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
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Catholic

Main Post Chapel

CCD
 Adult Apologetics
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Korean OCIA
 MCCW

Protestant

Main Post Chapel

PWOC
 Sunday School
Kino Chapel
 Bible Study/Choir Practice
 Men's Choir Rehearsal

Muslim Prayer

Friday 11:30 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	Prosser Vil-
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Sunday 10:45 a.m.	lage Chapel
Sunday 10:45 a.m.	
Friday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	
Friday 7p.m.	
1st Friday 7 p.m.	

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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday 10 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday 1:30 p.m.	Prosser Village
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RAINBOW, from Page 11

IEDs?" Now that we've got snipers in LRS(D), we're able to do surveillance and take direct action," Lynch said.

Deployed to Iraq with the 119th Military Police Company, Rhode Island National Guard, Lynch said he and O'Hare made it their job to find IEDs. Lynch said he hopes LRS(D) will be tasked with interdicting terrorists placing IEDs. He's been a member of the unit for nine years and loves it. He does not regret going back to Iraq.

"I'm going with a unit I've trained with," he said. "I'm honored to go to war with them."

INAUGURATION, from Page 3

Afghanistan's 5,000-year history and the upcoming elections in Iraq "landmark events in the history of liberty."

"And none of it would have been possible without the courage and the determination of the United States armed forces," he said.

Bush told the troops their service and sacrifice in the war on terror is making America safer — for today and the future. "Your sacrifice has made it pos-

Based in Rhode Island, LRS(D) ruckmarches to the north summit of New Hampshire's Mount Mooslacki every year. All members of LRS(D) are airborne qualified, and nine are ranger qualified. They have to do a jump every three months to maintain their airborne status.

"We train on a higher plain," said LRS(D) sniper-trained Soldier Spc. Richard O'Connor. "Most units do five-mile rucksack marches. We do 15-mile rucksack marches. Other units have 45-pound rucksacks. We have 80-pound rucksacks. We have to march farther and faster than anyone else."

O'Connor was a scout/sniper with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. He's been on real-world missions to Tunisia and Liberia, and took part in the rescue of Air Force Pilot Capt. Scott O'Grady, who was shot down over Bosnia in 1995.

"Anticipation of the mission is awesome," said O'Connor. He described the job as a "rush", and said LRS(D) team members must be physically fit, mature, and disciplined, and must know each other's jobs.

Part of that job is going "subsurface"? patrolling to a location outside friendly lines,

digging a hole, and living in it while observing enemy activity.

"They might live in that hole for two to four days," said Manning. "It takes an unbelievably disciplined individual to do this job."

"We're just guys with rifles," said O'Connor. "You have to have absolute confidence in everyone on your team. There's nothing else in the Army I want to do."

(Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Raymond Drumsta serves with the 42nd Infantry Division.)

sible for our children and grandchildren to grow up in a safer world," he said.

But this success has come at a great cost and through tremendous sacrifice, the president noted. He acknowledged the long separations families must endure, the wounds many service members will carry with them for the rest of their lives, the heroes who gave their lives, and the families who grieve them.

"We hold them in our hearts," Bush said. "We lift them up in our prayers."

The president paid a special tribute to military family members who stand by their loved ones as they serve the nation. "Your families miss you and they worry about you and they pray for you, always wondering where you are and if you're safe," he said. "By their sacrifice, they also serve."

Bush said those who wear the

uniform have given much, and will be asked to give more in the months and years ahead as the war on terror continues. "In Afghanistan and Iraq, the liberty that has been won at great cost now must be secured," he said. "We still face terrorist enemies who wish to harm our people and are seeking weapons that would allow them to kill on an unprecedented scale."

"These enemies must be stopped," Bush said, "and you

are the ones who will stop them."

The road ahead will be difficult and dangerous, the president said, "but we can proceed with courage and with confidence" because we live in "hopeful times, when the promise of freedom is spreading across the world."

"And the cause of freedom is in the best of hands—the hands of the United States armed forces," the president said.

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missioned officer in charge of the center.

Since it's comprised solely of volunteers, its workers had to take a week-long course. This course was in federal tax preparation and provided a total of 40 hours training. Participants also had to pass a tax test at the end of the program. "This is my first year volunteering for the NCOIC position, and I can say the Tax Center is a lot better than last year," Reed said. "It has been a real challenge going from knowing nothing about preparing taxes to becoming an expert."

"During the first week or two, things may move pretty slowly since most of the tax preparers have never executed

this job before, but things will get better after that," said Storino.

"I think the service here is great," said Wilbert Nation, a returning patron of the Tax Center. "I like coming here because they always go out of their way to help."

The tax season will last until April, and the center will be here to support its patrons until the season ends, said Storino.

The center opens on Monday – Wednesday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Thursday from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. It's located in Building 22324. For more information, or to set up an appointment call, 533-1040.

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manders can track the equipment as it makes its way to the final destination."

The visibility of equipment offered by the RFID system gives commanders greater access to their assets. Additionally, the system provides accountability for the resources being utilized for the humanitarian operation.

On Jan. 9, members of the 599th DDST assisted with the arrival of the first group of military vehicles to join the tsunami relief efforts.

The Westpac Express High Speed Vessel discharged more than 90 Marines and 75 pieces of equipment at the Port of

Chuk Samet under the 599th management.

The Marines from the 7th Communications Battalion, Okinawa, Japan, brought the first Humvees, cargo trucks and fork lifts to support Operation Unified Assistance, said Fred Artis, 599th DDST Operations Officer from the 835th Transportation Battalion, Japan.

The equipment is on its way to areas requiring ground support, such as Sri Lanka and Samantra.

The Port of Chuk Samet is normally operated by members of the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command during exercises and operations in Thailand, said Artis. "So, our presence here is vital, because we have vast knowl-

edge and understanding for the port's capabilities."

With extensive knowledge of the port, members of the 599th DDST created checkpoints for the Marines and their cargo to ensure the cargo was tracked correctly.

"The main function for us today was to ensure an accurate count of the discharged equipment and cargo," said Sgt. 1st Class Frank Viray, Headquarters, 599th Transportation Group. "The information will then be entered into the Worldwide Port System, where commanders will be able to have 100 percent in-transit visibility of these resources."

Changing priorities

Family life in t



Photos by Elizabeth Davie

When you get married, your plans in the military regarding deployments and duty stations may change drastically.

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Which comes first, your career or your marriage? Finding the right answer to this question is a challenge that faces many Soldiers.

Staff Sgt. Terence Mitchell, noncommissioned officer in charge, Runion Dental Clinic, has been in the Army for 10 years, and married for most of that time.

Terence grew up as a self-described military brat; his father was airborne, air assault and pathfinder qualified and served as a drill sergeant and an airborne instructor before retiring from the military. When he first enlisted, Terence aspired not only to follow in his father's footsteps, but surpass him in his accomplishments, he said. Getting married changed all that.

"I wanted to do everything my father did until I got married," he said.

Terence started his career as an infantryman. He said he had been planning on developing his infantry skills before getting married, since that can be stressful to a married couple.

"You don't have the time to do all that stuff and be in a marriage," he said. "It puts a

strain on a marriage when you're sleeping in ditches for 42 days at a time."

Aside from the change of lifestyle that marriage brings, children also bring major changes. Time management is a skill that has to be honed when both parents work. Terence said he and his wife, Staff Sgt. Christina Mitchell, training NCO, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, coordinate care of their daughter by alternating morning duties of getting their daughter up, dressing her and taking her to daycare while getting themselves ready for physical training and work.

Even though it's hard to juggle an Army career and family, at least there is some common ground when both spouses are servicemembers.

"The good thing about being in a dual military family is that at least they understand," he said.

Not only do both understand each other's work, but the lessons learned in the Army can translate into how they manage household tasks.

"Discipline from being in the military has taught us how to manage our household," he said.

The same planning ahead goes for dealing with possible assignments. Terence said both



Deployments can be hard on families.

he Army

he and Christina were in field units while stationed in Germany and had opportunities to go on temporary duty, but declined in

favor of spending time with the family. By luck, they managed to avoid a possible deployment that would have required sending

their daughter back to the United States to be cared for by relatives.

"We hoped not to be in the field at the same time," Christina said. "We always have a back-up plan if both of us have to work late or go to the field. A good family care plan is important. Luckily, our families are very supportive and more than willing to watch our daughter."

Terence said he and his wife declined going to airborne school when slots opened up and have decided not to try for Officer Candidate School in favor of staying together.

"We both had aspirations of going to OCS at one point," Terence said. "But that's hard to do with a family in tow."

"We've given up quite a bit to basically be happy and have the support of being together," he said.

"We understand our responsibility to the Army and to our family," Christina said. "They are equally important. It is like walking a tight rope at times."

Since staying together physically is a large part of making marriage work, the Army does have some programs in place to help couples and get



Having children can change people's views of military life.

them stationed together. Terence said The Married Army Couples Program is an easy program to enroll in and has helped him and his wife stay together throughout their military career.

"The Married Army Couples Program has worked for us," Christina said. "But you must be pro-active in looking for assignments. Luckily we both have medical MOSs [military occupational specialties] so being

stationed together is easier for us than some."

Despite all the sacrifices Terence and his wife have made to stay together and maintain a strong family, they still have ambitious long-term goals.

"Our goal is to both retire as sergeants major," he said.

For more information on the Married Army Couples Program, contact your unit's S-1 or see Army Regulation 614-200.



A child can change how servicemembers spend day to day in the military.

Annual AFAP conference to be held

BY AMANDA KEITH
SCOUT STAFF

March 1-3 Fort Huachuca will be hosting the annual Army Family Action Plan conference to address issues and problems that affect the Fort Huachuca community.

"Your commander wants to hear from you," said Cheryl Patterson, the program manager for the upcoming AFAP conference.

"You do have a voice in how the installation is run," said Patterson and the AFAP conference is held to allow Soldiers to use their voices to address problems and offer solutions to issues and concerns around the base.

The issues that are brought to the conference are divided among various workshop groups; the conference delegates will then address solutions for such issues as in-state tuition, modification of weight

allowance table and distribution of Montgomery GI Bill benefits for dependents.

The conference also looks at the programs on Fort Huachuca that are the most beneficial to the community. For the 2004 conference, held in November, Medical/Dental, the Army Community Service, the Commissary and AFAP were named the most valuable services.

The March conference is the first step in the process;

once the issue sheets are submitted, the issues are sorted into workshops, where the five most important issues are chosen and a spokesperson submits the issues to the installation commander.

According to Patterson, most issues can be handled locally, but those issues that can't be solved at the local level are sent to the regent, then to the Department of the Army and finally to Congress for approval.

AFAP also holds a teen con-

ference for the middle school and high school residents of Fort Huachuca. The Teen AFAP will be on Feb. 26.

AFAP is a part of the Army Community Service effort, a program on Fort Huachuca that is designed to help prepare families for the military lifestyle. The plan offers many programs to help the families of the post, including the Family Readiness Group and Army Family Team Building.



Service News



AAFC kicks off

The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs Feb. 14 to May 6.

Program officials invite Airmen to contribute to any of the Air Force's four official charitable organizations.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired servicemembers, surviving spouses and families. This is the 32nd year of the fund drive, where the four charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper recently announced a \$5.4 million goal. Last year, Airmen gave \$6.7 million to the fund.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction.

Contributions to the AAFC are tax-deductible. For more information, visit afassistancefund.org or the Air Force Personnel Center's Voting and Fundraising Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

Installation project officers have information on local procedures and goals.

Congressman seeks equal billing

A name change could soon be in store for the De-

partment of the Navy, as the U. S. Congress prepares to examine the relationship between the Navy and Marine Corps.

North Carolina Third District Congressman Walter B. Jones, introduced House Resolution 34 to the United States House of Representatives, Jan. 4. The bill would rename the Department of the Navy to be the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps. Jones' district includes Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Stations New River and Cherry Point.

The National Security Act of 1947 identifies the Marine Corps, Navy, Army and Air Force as services with legal missions set by the Constitution. The act defines the mission of the Marine Corps as a service trained, organized and equipped for offensive amphibious employment and as a force in readiness.

The Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986 acknowledged the roles of each service's commanding officers as equal members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. If the Commandant of the Marine Corps carries the same weight as the Chief of Naval Operations, the Corps deserves equal billing with the Navy, according to Jones.

"There isn't a subordinate relationship between the CNO and CMC," Jones said. "They are equivalent parts of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and it is time that the Department of the Navy recognizes their equal status."

The proposal is intended to acknowledge the large role Marines play in the U.S. military, not to alter the relationship of the Navy and Marine Corps, according to Jones.

While the name change wouldn't make any impact on leadership, budgets or missions, it would help shine more of the spotlight on the Marine Corps as military service of its own as opposed to a stepchild of the Navy.

Skipper reassigned

The commander of U.S. 7th Fleet, Vice Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, has directed Jan. 20 that the commanding officer of USS San Francisco, Cmdr. Kevin Mooney, be reassigned pending the results of an investigation into the sub's grounding during operations in the Western Pacific Ocean.

Mooney was reassigned to Submarine Squadron 15, based in Guam, pending the results of an investigation to determine the cause of the sub's grounding Jan. 8 that resulted in the death of one Sailor and injuries to 23 others.

Cmdr. Andrew Hale, Submarine Squadron 15 deputy commander, will assume the duties as commanding officer of San Francisco.

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Photos by Elizabeth Davie

machines.

Jeanise cited national statistics that indicated that larger motorcycles with stronger, faster engines were involved in an increasing number of accidents. She also said the statistics indicate that about half of motorcycle fatalities are single-vehicle accidents and more fatalities occur on rural roads and undivided highways. Since these driving conditions are common in this part of the country, motorcyclists should be extra-vigilant.

Morgan also cautioned against drinking and driving on a motorcycle.

"Alcohol consumption and motorcycles just don't mix," he said. "Anything that will slow down your reaction time is just too much of a risk."

The MPs will be proactive in enforcing motorcycle safety on post.

"The MPs will pull you over on post if you're not complying with the reg," Morgan said.

For more information on motorcycle operation and safety, refer to Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program and Army Regulation 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents.



A bright colored garment must be worn while riding on post.

Required attire

According to DODI 6055.4, FH Reg 190-5 and AR 385-55, the following clothing rules must be abided by at all times when riding a motorcycle:

- Helmet – a Dept of Transportation approved helmet, secured under the chin.
- Goggles and face shields – Shatter resistant, goggles or full face shield.
- Foot gear – sturdy footwear that extends past the ankle.
- Shirt/Jacket – long sleeved shirt or jacket.
- Trousers – long trou-

sers.

•Gloves – full fingered gloves or mittens designed for motorcycle use.

•Garment visibility (day) – a garment of bright color, such as hunter's orange, florescent green, yellow or pink. Or PT belt.

•Garment visibility (night) – A reflective upper garment, which must be clearly visible.

More information about motorcycle safety regulations can be found on the Army Safety Program Web site <https://safety.army.mil/home.html>.

There are certain precautions that must be taken to ride a motorcycle on post.

Ultimate sacrifice paid

Spc. Alain L. Kamolvathin, 21, of Blairstown, N.J., died Jan. 16 in Baghdad, Iraq, when he was involved in a motor vehicle accident. Kamolvathin was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

Pfc. Francis C. Obaji, 21, of Queens Village, N.Y., died Jan. 17 in the 86th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, after he was involved in a motor vehicle accident Jan. 16 in Baghdad, Iraq. Obaji was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y. These accidents are under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Vitagliano, 33, of New Haven, Conn., died Jan. 17 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his position. Vitagliano was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea.

Pfc. George R. Geer, 27, of Cortez, Colo., died Jan. 17 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his position. Geer was assigned to the 1st Battalion,

503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea.

Pfc. Jesus Fonseca, 19, of Marietta, Ga., died Jan. 17 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his position. Fonseca was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea.

Capt. Christopher J. Sullivan, 29, of Princeton, Mass., died Jan. 18 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his parked vehicle. Sullivan was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Kyle W. Childress, 29, of Terre Haute, Ind., died Friday in Balad, Iraq, of wounds received in Ad Duluiyah, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Childress was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Capt. Joe F. Lusk II, 25, of Reedley, Calif., died Friday in Camp Buehring, Kuwait, of non-combat related injuries. Lusk was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C.

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influence from men, and a true partnership only occurs when a husband is able to do so as well.

- **Have high standards.** Happy couples have high standards for each other even as newlyweds. The most successful couples are those who, even as newlyweds, refused to accept hurtful behavior from one another. The lower the level of tolerance for bad behavior at the beginning of a relationship, the happier the couple is down the road.

- **Learn to repair and exit the argument.** Successful couples know how to exit an argument. Happy couples know how to repair the situation before an argument gets completely out of control. Successful repair attempts include: changing the topic to something completely unrelated; using humor; stroking your partner with a caring remark ("I understand that this is hard for you"); making it clear you're on common ground ("This is our problem"); backing down (in marriage, as in the martial art Aikido, you have to yield to win; and, in general, offering signs of appreciation for your partner and his or her feelings along the way ("I really

appreciate and want to thank you for..."). If an argument gets too heated, take a 20-minute break, and agree to approach the topic again when you are both calm.

- **Focus on the bright side.** In a happy marriage, couples make at least five times as many positive statements to and about each other and their relationship ("We laugh a lot") as opposed to negative ones ("We never have fun").

"With these steps a couple can build a foundation that will allow for a successful relationship. I have the couple open an emotional bank account," said McFarland. This is set up so couples can make deposits so when the tough times come and they will, they will have something to withdraw, and they are not emotionally bankrupt."

"If a couple is willing to meet all the requirements and do all the things that they have to do, I will marry them," said McFarland. "A lot of couples hear what is involved and decide otherwise. I help them make the right decision, for the right reasons, to make for a fruitful and meaningful marriage."

All Army Boxing continues tonight, championship Saturday



Photo by ElizabethDavie

All Army Boxing continues tonight, and concludes Saturday with Championship Night at Barnes Field House. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the bouts start at 7 p.m. both nights. Opening ceremonies for championship night start at 6:30 p.m.

The winning contenders from this year's All Army Boxing competition will advance to the Armed Forces Championships, which will be held at Fort Huachuca in February.

Admission to All Army Boxing is free to all active duty military person-

nel.

Tickets for the general public are on sale at the door only before each night's competition.

General seating tickets are \$5 tonight. For championship night, the cost is \$8. Children 8 and under will be admitted free.

As a special added attraction, Saturday, during championship night, all active duty military in attendance will have the chance to win a 2005 Chevrolet Colorado extended cab pickup, provided through Lawley Au-

tomotive Group.

This promotion is open to active duty military only. A number will be drawn for one chance to sink a single basketball shot from behind the half-court line (a minimum of 43 feet.) Former college, professional or Olympic basketball players are not eligible.

Active duty personnel will also have a chance to win other prizes, provided by AAFES and the Sun Canyon Inn, Sierra Vista.

For more information, call 533-5031.

Early closure at Barnes pool

Barnes pool will close at 1 p.m., today in order for the staff to support All Army Boxing. Saturday, the pool will be open 10 a.m. - noon only, for lap swim.

For more information, call Karlie Jo Hale at 533-3858.

New classes at the MWR Arts Center

MWR Arts Center will offer a new cake decorating class 10 a.m. - noon, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

A basic photography class will begin Feb. 24. The class teaches the basics of cameras, film and photo composition. The instructor is Gary Rice.

A class on decorating gourds is also being planned. The class will teach you how to decorate gourds with beads and color. A minimum of three students are needed for this class, so call if you are interested.

The MWR Arts Center also offers art classes for children. The "Little Hands" children's arts and crafts program is offered from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Saturdays at the MWR Arts Center. The program is open to children age 5 - 12.

Each week, participants fabricate a different craft. The upcoming schedule is: Saturday, watercolor; Feb. 5, wind sock;

Cost of the Little Hands program is \$6 per class or \$10 for two classes.

The Arts Center presents "Kids' Thursday," beginning at 3 p.m., the first and third Thursday of each month. The program is open to children age 5 - 12.

Cost of the program is \$7.50 per child and all materials are included. Pre-registration is required.

The upcoming schedule for "Kids' Thursday" is: today, hand print pottery; Feb. 3, rock art; and Feb. 24, kangaroo bird pottery.

For more information on these or any other classes, call 533-2015 or stop by the MWR Arts Center, located on Arizona Street, across from the

Commissary.

MWR Box Office

The Tucson Convention Center has some exciting events scheduled, and MWR Box Office has tickets for the following: Tuesday - Feb. 13, "The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron;" Feb. 10 - 13, Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. February 12 is Military Appreciation Day at the Gem and Mineral Show. Anyone who shows an active military identification card, including dependents, will be admitted free; Feb. 14, Queensryche in concert; Feb. 15, "A Night to Remember with the Mills Brothers, the Ink Spots and the Four Lads;" Feb. 18 and 19, Tucson Ice Cats hockey team versus Arizona State; and Feb. 20, "The 6th Annual Sunday Nite Slow Jams LIVE!" featuring: Boyz II Men, Mario, Tony! Toni! Tone'!, John Legend, Natalie, J Roman, and more!

TCC event tickets may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon. - Fri. only.

The Box Office also has information on the Armed Forces Vacation Club. With AFVC, you can enjoy resort accommodations for two to six people for less than you'd pay for most hotels. You can book a full week for just \$264. There is a wide variety of destinations and times. Details and samples of resort availability can be view at www.afvclub.com.

Installation MWR programs receive cash rebates, so don't forget your installation number when enrolling in AFVC. Fort Huachuca's installation number is 10.

Call 533-2404 for more information or drop by the MWR Box Office located in Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary. They're open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Time Out plans Super Bowl Bash

Super Bowl XXXIX is set to begin at 4 p.m., Feb. 6. The doors at Time Out will open at 1 p.m. that day. Make plans now to come and watch the game with your friends.

The facility has six 19 and 24-inch TVs, plus a big screen TV with surround sound, so you'll be able to see and hear all the action, from the pre-game show to the final buzzer.

Along with free admission and giveaways, there will be free popcorn and other munchies, while they last. Beverages will be available on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Time Out is located across from Barnes Field House on Arizona Street.

Comedy show at TMAC

Entertainment Max will present the "Ladies of Laughter" Comedy Show live at 10 p.m., Feb. 11, at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Opening the show will be the up-and-coming young female comic, Jessi Campbell. Also featured in the show will be a rising young star from Tucson, Kristin Key.

Headlining the show will be the comedic energy force known as "Luenell." A 16-year veteran of movies, television and live performances, Luenell's comedy tells a story everyone can relate to.

The show features adult entertainment, and is open to the public 18 and older.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. They are available now at TMAC, Time Out, MWR Box Office, during bingo at LakeSide and at Sierra Vista Safeway.

For more information, call 533-3802.

AFAP Conferences seek volunteers

Fort Huachuca teens have a chance to make a difference by becoming a part of the Teen Army Family Action Plan Conference, to be held Feb. 26 at the Youth Services Building, Cushing Street.

Issue boxes for the Teen AFAP Conference have been distributed and delegate volunteers are needed now. For information, call 533-3027 or 533-3686.

The AFAP Conference will be held Mar. 1 - 3 at the NCO Academy, Ice Hall, Fort Huachuca.

AFAP issue boxes have been distributed throughout the post, and forms are available at these boxes. Everyone is encouraged to participate by completing one of these forms.

Volunteers are needed as delegates, in hospitality and other areas for the conference.

If you are interested in making a difference, plan now to participate in one of the AFAP conferences. Call Cheryl Patterson at 533-3686 to volunteer or for more information



Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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The Scout TimeOut



Movies

Spanglish plays at 7 p.m. Saturday at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 28.

NETCOM brutalizes DFAC Thunderbirds, 61 – 30

SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

The NETCOM Renegades whipped the DFAC Thunderbirds 61-30 in local basketball action.

The only time the Thunderbirds really had control of the ball was from the opening tip, which they won. From then on, it was seven straight turnovers as the Renegades' defense set the tone for the game.

The Renegades defense completely controlled the first nine minutes of the game outscoring the

Thunderbirds 12 to 6.

Thanks to the steals and blocked shots, the NETCOM team built a 13-point lead.

At one point, the Renegades had a 15 – 0 run that was only stopped by a technical foul called on their coach for jawing off at the referee. The penalty lead to a rare Thunderbird point.

The Renegades opportunistic offense scored a total of 20 points off turnovers. The score at half time was Renegades 32 and Thunderbirds 14.

"We just had to keep

the pressure on," said Tek Rowe, captain for the Renegades. "Keep up what were doing, and it was smooth sailing."

Things seemed to change at the start of the second half as the Thunderbirds came out with five unanswered points, forcing the Renegades to call a quick time out.

When the game resumed, the Renegades buried a series of three-pointers, stopping their opponents' momentum.

The Renegades continued to dominate the

Thunderbirds, pushing their lead past 30 with 1:57 minutes left in the game.

The Thunderbirds refused to give up though and tried to cut into the lead of the Renegades. Pride drove the Thunderbirds to not lose the by 30 points. They cut the lead to 29 points, but that was as close as they got. The final score was, Renegades 60, Thunderbirds 31. The winners improved their record to 7 and 1 while the Thunderbirds fell to 2 and 4.



Photo by SPC. Marcus Butler

NETCOM and DFAC face off on the court.

Poetry, songs, music highlight Arizona magic

BYDANSIMON
SCOUT STAFF

For a small town, Sierra Vista offers a lot of talent.

The community is home to the Arizona Folklore Preserve, a symphony orchestra

and is the location for the Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering.

Area residents will be able to enjoy all three during the next few months.

One of the most unusual opportunities may be through the Arizona Folklore Preserve located in Ramsey Canyon.

'Never trust a guitar player'

Here visitors can hear Dolan Ellis, Arizona's official state balladeer and other performers singing the ballads and telling the stories of the state.

"Dolan believes if you take stories and history and bring them to people in the form of entertainment, they're better received," said Jan Groth, the preserve's volunteer coordinator.

"He had a dream to build this preserve where legends of the state could be housed."

Ellis had fallen in love with Ramsey Canyon and bought 15 acres of land there. After years of performing in a small facility, he decided to partner with the University of Arizona South. He donated some land, and the school put up a new building complete with stage and 50-person theatre. There's now a partnership between the university and the non-profit folklore preserve.

The preserve is only open on the weekends and one show is held each Saturday and Sunday. Doors open at 1 p.m. with the performance beginning an hour later.

Ellis spices up his show with stories of colorful personalities from the region's past. Often his ballads offer equally colorful

insights into the same characters. The talented amateur photographer accompanies many of his ballads with photos that capture the scenes he sings about.

"Retirement is a brand new thing," he explained to his audience at one point during the show. "It was invented for people who had jobs they wanted to get out of."

"Why should I retire? I'd just end up doing the same thing I am now and not get paid for it."

Ellis performs on a rustic stage and frequently invites his audience to sing along with him.

"Never trust a guitar player," he tells the crowd, even though their trust in his talent is well-founded.

An original member of the 1960s singing group, "The New Christy Minstrels," Ellis has logged more than a million miles in his Jeeps exploring the state. He's written more than 300 ballads.

The preserve also features guest performers from time to time displaying the talents of more than 125 different performers over the years. On Feb. 19 and 20, Wyatt Earp, a direct descendant of the legendary lawman will perform there.

The preserve, which can be used as a

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Photo by Dan Simon

Dolan Ellis preforms Saturday at the Arizona Folklore Preserve.

Little leaguers learn from major leaguers

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

It must have been a tough season for the Arizona Diamondbacks. It looked like the baseball team was picking next year's line up from Cochise County's little leaguers.

Actually, the Diamondbacks were in the area to offer a baseball fundamentals clinic to 150 local youngsters Friday night at the Youth Center on post.

The clinic is part of a community outreach program called the Hometown Tour that is working on promoting having fun and a love for the game, said Matt Smith, Outreach and Development coordination coordinator for the Diamondbacks.

"The entire focus [of the tour] is to try to spread a love for

the game, keep kids active and give them something to look forward to," Smith said.

The program allows children to be active and do something productive and positive, said Vic Acuna, Diamondbacks Training Center coach.

In bringing the tour to Fort Huachuca, organizers were hoping to give globetrotting children something they haven't gotten before. "These kids have been to Korea and Germany, but they've never met a baseball player," said Richard Brown, Youth Sports director.

The two hour clinic was taught by Diamondbacks Training Center coaches and included coverage of all the basic baseball fundamentals.

Even though the rain limited hitting, fielding and grounding to

the gymnasium, it couldn't limit the kids' enthusiasm. "This is really good because I'm going to be one [professional baseball player] someday," said Peter Ruiz, 11, who hopes to play for the Toronto Blue Jays when he grows up.

Alex Unger, 13, who's attended many training clinics, said the basics being taught were "really cool for the littler ones to learn."

Following training, attendees were treated to a pizza party and a meet and greet with some of their favorite ball players. Community members were able to get autographs on balls, bats, gloves and photos from Diamondbacks players Matt Kata, Robby Hammock and Koyie Hill and broadcaster and former major leaguer, Mark Grace.

"We think this is great [the Hometown Tour]," Hill said. "This [meeting players] is something we wanted to do when we were little, so I hope it's as good for them as it was for us."

"This is the greatest part of our job," Kata said. "We're blessed with a gift and an opportunity to do something we love that gives fans such a sense of entertainment and enjoyment."

The Hometown Tour will continue traveling Arizona bringing



Photos by Dan Simon

Justin Bias, 10, winds up during a throwing drill with the Arizona Diamondbacks Friday at Youth Services.

baseball and the Diamondbacks to their fans. "We're trying to touch the whole fan base [in Arizona] because not everyone gets to be close to Tucson and Phoenix," said

Acuna.

"We want to give back to the communities that give so much to us," Kata said.



Jason Burke gets his souvenir posters signed.



Col. Jonthan B. Hunter, USAIC&FH Garrison Commander, presents Diamondbacks catcher Koyie Hill with a commander's coin.

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site for weddings, meetings and other events (for a fee) also offers a monthly dinner theatre performance featuring Ellis crooning easy listening type songs and a gourmet dinner complete with hors d'oeuvres, salad, main course and dessert. The February Valentine's dinner is already fully booked, but there's still space available for the March Song of Spring dinner.

The dinner theatre performance costs about \$45 while entrance for the Saturday and Sunday shows is \$12 per person for adults and \$6 each for those 17 and younger. The weekend admissions are tax deductible since the preserve is a non-profit organization. Reservations (378-6165) are required for the dinner theatre and sug-



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Cowboys come out to share their talents at the annul Cowboy Poetry and music gathering Feb 4 - 6.

gested for the weekend shows, although walk-ins are welcomed on a space available basis.

Groth hopes the preserve will eventually be able to offer workshops on Arizona folklore. The University of Arizona South from time to time offers courses on the subject.

Cowboy poetry

The preserve will be closed Feb. 4 through 6 for the Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering at the Buena Performing Arts Center in Sierra Vista.

This year's gathering will mark the 13th anniversary of the event, which has received a national Cowboy Culture Event Award.

Performances begin on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. Each day will feature a number of performances by both established cowboy poets and students who've displayed their talent in other competition. The student performances are part of the gathering's Youth Western Heritage Program. In all, more than 60 poets and musicians are scheduled to perform with free artist jam sessions being held on Friday and Saturday after the main performances.

One of the Sunday performers will be Bud Strom, a retired Army general who has been active in helping bring the cowboy poetry genre into the schools. He and other cowboy poets visit some 20 schools around the county performing and teaching young people about the art. About 3,000 students compete for prizes and scholarships through the gathering's writing and music competitions.

Tickets are available in town and also through MWR. Active duty and retired military personnel can purchase tickets for \$15. Student tickets (grades 1-12) are \$6 and general admission is \$17 for Friday's



Photo by Dan Simon

The Arizona Folklore Preserve.

and Saturday's shows and \$15 for Sunday's show.

Ellis to perform with symphony

Sierra Vista is a rare small town to boast its own symphony orchestra, but the community does have a 58-member team of musicians, which performs four main concerts and two children's concerts each season.

The symphony, which was founded in 1994, features musicians from other genres.

Its next concert is a popular music concert and is slated for April 15. Dolan Ellis will be the featured performer, marking the third time he's appeared with the symphony. April Dreaming is the theme of this performance.

The symphony appears again on June 17 and will display the talents of the Royal Tenors, also performing for their third time with the Sierra Vista musicians.

The symphony events provide

intermission refreshments. Adult tickets can be purchased at MWR and are \$17 each and children 14 and younger (accompanied by ticket holding adults) are admitted free.

More information on the Arizona Folklore Preserve can be found at the organization's Web site: <http://www.arizonafolklore.com/> or by calling 378-6165.

The Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering Web site is located at: <http://www.gathering05.com/> and the organization's phone number is 249-2511. More information on the gathering can be obtained by calling the Sierra Vista Convention & Visitors Bureau toll free at (800)288-3861 or the event's recorded line 459-3868.

The Sierra Vista Symphony Association Web site can be found at: <http://www.svsymphony.org/> (caution, audio and graphics intensive) and their phone number is 515-5408. Or, just contact the Fort Huachuca MWR.

Recruiting volunteers

Coronado National Memorial is currently seeking volunteers for the Spring Environmental Education programs. The popular hands-on program and activities are provided to 4th grade students from the Sierra Vista, Bisbee and surrounding area schools. The curriculum primarily focuses on the cultural and natural resources significant to the memorial. The program will take place at the memorial's picnic grounds 9 a.m. – noon each Friday March through May. For more information, call Maggi Daly at 366-5515.

Basketball shootout

There will be a basketball shootout from 1 – 3 p.m. on Sunday at the commissary to benefit the Special Olympics. Participation is free and open to anyone interested in competing. Prizes will be awarded.

Ponytail league

Sierra Vista Ponytail Softball League is registering girls, ages 5 - 18, at Big '5', Jan 29 and Feb 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and at the Fort Huachuca Youth Center Feb 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fees range from \$45 - \$60 depending on age.

For more information, call Lora Otero at 378-6236 or Judy Gustavson at 378-2024.

The league is also looking for volunteers to be coaches and assistant coaches.

Free throw contest

The Knights of Columbus will host a free throw contest at 1 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 2100 Yaqui Street in Sierra Vista.

The event is open to kids 10 – 14 from Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista and Hereford. Winners of all age groups have a chance to advance to the state championship in March. This event is free. For more information, call 459-0677.

Arizona hunter safety class

Classes will be held February 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, and 25th from 6-9pm and the field day February 26th from

8-12 noon. Attendance at all classes is mandatory for those wishing to hunt in Arizona. Location is the Sheriff's Department Classroom at the corner of South Highway 92 and Foothills Drive. Cost is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call Gary at 459-0607.

FHCSC Scholarship

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and adults in continuing education.

Eligibility is limited to children of DoD civilians assigned to Fort Huachuca, to natural born or legally adopted children of active duty U. S. military members, to children of deceased military while on active duty or of retired military living in Cochise County. Adults continuing their education must be spouses of U. S. civilians assigned to Fort Huachuca. Also included are dependent children, of the above mentioned, until their 23rd birthday.

Scholarships for high school seniors are available now through the counselor's office at participating high schools. Eligible seniors and adults may also pick up applications at the Post Library, the Sierra Vista Public Library, the Fort Huachuca Education Center, and the financial aid offices of Cochise College and the University of Arizona South campus in Sierra Vista.

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is March, 18 and should be mailed to the FHCSC, PO Box 12202, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85670. For further information or additional scholarship applications, call 439-4402.

Red Cross class

The American Red Cross' Sierra Vista Service Center is offering the following class in January:

Saturday: Adult, Child and Infant First Aid

For more information on any of these classes, including times and costs, call Judee Ramsey at 458-4858 or e-mail svcross@c2i2.com.

Winter open

The greater Huachuca men's golf club and Mountain

View Golf Course presents the Winter Open. The tournament will start at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 6 at MVGC. The entry fee is \$15 green fee and optional \$9 cart fee.

For more information, call Carl Biski at 452-1252.

National prayer breakfast

The National prayer breakfast will be 6 -7:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. Retired Lt. Gen. Alonzo E. Short Jr. will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$2 for E1-E5, \$4 for E6-E8 and \$6 for officers and civilians. Tickets are available through unit chaplains, the Office of the Fort Huachuca Staff Chaplain. For more information, call 533-4748.

FHCSC final event

The Fort t Huachuca Community Spouses' Club's final event for our year will be from 7 – 9 p.m. Feb 26 at the Windemere Hotel 2047 S. Hwy 92, Sierra Vista. This Wine and Beer Tasting/Auction includes the following:

Enjoy the evening with:

Local artwork available through silent auction

Wine tasting

Beer tasting

Live music - West Coast Jazz Quartet

Fine buffet and cheeses

Opportunity to purchase bottles of wine from Dos Cabezas Winery and beer

from Dave's Electric Beer Raffles (1 free ticket pp)

A live auction at the end of the event

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available through FHCSC Board Members, The Greater Sierra Vista, Area Chamber of Commerce, The Fort Huachuca Museum Gift Shop and Mail Order to the FHCSC.

For mail order Make checks/donations payable to the FHCSC, send your name, mailing address, # of tickets, and payment to:

FHCSC

PO Box 12202

Fort Huachuca, AZ 85670

Event proceeds benefit the 2005 FHCSC College Scholarship Fund.

Pet Of The Week



Alex is a fluffy male tabby cat who is a year-and-a-half old.



Shadow is a black 2-year-old labrador retriever mix.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

Closer

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Friday -7 p.m.

Lemony Snickets

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Saturday -7 p.m.

Spanglish

PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.

Lemony Snickets

PG

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news in the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source. Tune in to our news block hours at four convenient times throughout the day. The Fort Report airs weekdays at 6 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Army NewsWatch follows at 6:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6:05 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. Catch Air Force TV News right after at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Be sure to top it all off with Navy/Marine Corps News at 7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

If you're interested in posting your message on the Commander's Channel, e-mail your request to channel97@hua.army.mil.



Army finishes second in Armed Forces Bowling

BY TIM HIPPS

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Army finished second in both the men's and women's divisions of the 2005 Armed Forces Bowling Championships Jan. 10-12 at Don Carter All-Star Lanes West.

The tournament was contested in conjunction with the 2005 USA Bowling National Amateur Championships and the field was cut to the top 32 men and 24 women after three days of competition. Air Force 1st Lt. Rickie Banister, who won the Armed Forces men's division with a 24-game total of 4,847, was the only military bowler to make the cut and finished 29th in the nation.

All-Army coach Dean Ryan said Banister was the difference in the Armed Forces men's tournament.

"I really thought this was the year that our men honestly had a chance to beat Air Force and we probably should've," said Ryan, manager of Fort Meade Lanes in Maryland. "I feel one man beat us, and that was Rickie Banister. He just had a tremendous tournament."

Air Force won the men's division

with a score of 27,343, followed by Army (27,174), defending champion Marine Corps (26,080) and Navy (25,680). The Air Force women prevailed with a score of 25,134, followed by Army (23,755) and Navy/Marines (23,143), who combined for one team.

Master Sgt. Christine Dash overcame a pinched nerve in her left leg to win the Armed Forces women's division with a 24-game total of 4,390.

"I fell out of every shot because I couldn't get down with the ball," said Dash, 38, stationed at the Air National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Va. "It was a matter of figuring out what was the easiest way to deal with the pain and make a shot."

Dash won the women's title in 1988 but didn't return to the tournament until 2001 when she won her second championship. She said her "mental game" was the key to winning a third crown.

"I stay focused," she said. "I don't worry about what other people are doing around me. It's a mental game, it really is. You could see that here because I had no physical game. Execu-

tion is the key. When I throw a bad shot, I forget about it. A lot of people have a hard time doing that."

Many military bowlers admitted they were flustered by the national championships' use of sport-oil conditions, which are much tougher to score upon than most house-league surfaces.

"The big difference I notice is that you don't get an area to shoot at like you do in a house shot," Dash explained. "On sport-shot, you've got one board you have to go over every time. That's where the mental game comes in. The way the oil is laid on the lane it wears different and it has different thicknesses in different places than what you're normally used to, so you have to be extremely accurate to shoot well on sport-oil conditions."

"It makes a bowler out of you, that's what it does," added Army Staff Sgt. Dwayne Watkins, who finished second in the Armed Forces men's division with a 4,627 total. "It's mental, it's tough, it's physical – it will wear you down if you don't know what you're doing."

Watkins, a Kiowa Warrior crew chief

at Fort Rucker, Ala., bowled a 290 on the second day after settling for a spare in his first frame.

"I rolled 11 strikes in a row after that," said Watkins, who has 14 perfect games on his resume. "But I also threw some games away on Tuesday. My spare shooting was not a good thing."

"We were up more than 200 pins on the first day and yesterday a lot of us just fell apart," Watkins said of the Army men. "It's not an individual thing. Everybody has to click, and we didn't click the last two days. Air Force bowled well today, but we kicked it away yesterday. A lot of us dropped a lot of sticks."

Watkins, a native of Austin, Texas, began bowling as a child with his family and has continued for 30 years. His parents drove to Dallas for the All-Army Trials Camp but had to return home so dad could compete in a league during the Armed Forces Championships.

(Editor's notes: Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.)